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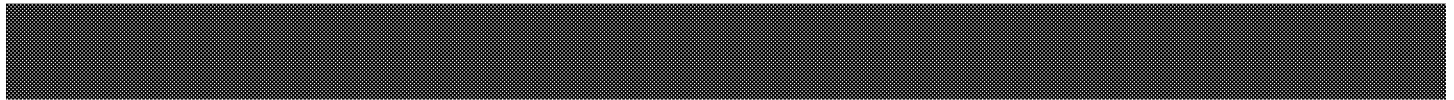
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This is another good daily because it gives information that is relevant to our fuels practice.

From: Morning Consult <reply@em.morningconsult.com>
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Kelley, Rosemarie <Kelley.Rosemarie@epa.gov>
Subject: Morning Consult Energy: Trump Ousts Chatterjee as FERC Chair, Chooses Danly to Take Post



By Lisa Martine Jenkins

Top Stories

- President Donald Trump has ousted Neil Chatterjee from his post as chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, replacing him with Commissioner James Danly. While Chatterjee will stay on the commission until his term ends next June, the president's surprise move seems to reflect his administration's frustration with the Republican Chatterjee's recent left-leaning decisions, such as issuing the final rule on distributed energy resources and hosting a technical conference on carbon pricing. ([Utility Dive](#))
 - California announced that insurance companies operating in the state will be prevented from dropping coverage or refusing to renew policies for 2.1 million homeowners in certain regions vulnerable to wildfires for one year. As rising temperatures and longer droughts make fire season increasingly destructive and deadly in the Golden State, the economies of fire-prone communities are increasingly at risk, a phenomenon exacerbated when companies are reluctant to insure homes. ([The New York Times](#))
 - While a group of rich countries set a goal of providing \$100 billion per year by 2020 to help their poorer counterparts fight climate change, an Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development report shows that the goal might be out of reach. The most recent OECD data shows climate finance from rich countries reached just \$78.9 billion in 2018, and growth has slowed in recent years, derailed in part by Trump's decision to renege on the United States' regular \$2 billion in payments to the United Nations' Green Climate Fund. ([Bloomberg](#))
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Chart Review

[Visualizing the checks on Biden's oil plan](#)
Axios

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

11/06/2020

Green Hydrogen 2020 virtual conference

Michigan State University event: Climate change and its
impact on the global food system

1:00 pm

Venable LLP post-election series: Environment and Natural
Resources

1:30 pm

11/09/2020

National Offshore Wind R&D Symposium

Energy Storage Summit 2020

MIT Energy Initiative event: Analyzing Switch On: A
documentary discussion 1:00 pm

11/10/2020

National Offshore Wind R&D Symposium

Energy Storage Summit 2020

S&P Global Platts webinar: The Future of Natural Gas Index
Development 10:00 am

S&P Global Platts event: Hydrogen Markets Americas
Virtual Conference 12:00 pm

MIT Energy Initiative event: Valuing private car ownership
and use in the U.S. with Joanna Moody 3:30 pm

11/11/2020

Energy Storage Summit 2020

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Watch the Webinar - Great Expectations: The Evolving Role of Companies in a Post-Election World

A recent webinar from Morning Consult takes a deep-dive into Americans' changing expectations around brands' engagement with politics, and the issues consumers care most about as they relate to corporate social responsibility and political activism.

[Watch Here.](#)

General

U.S. Energy Chiefs Weigh What Biden Means for Oil, Renewables **Will Wade, Bloomberg**

With Joe Biden inching close to an Electoral College victory, energy executives are weighing the potential impact of a president who supports shifting away from fossil fuels.

Trump Threatens Great American Outdoors Act **Wes Siler, Outside**

The Department of the Interior failed to meet Tuesday's deadline to submit a list of projects it wants to fund in fiscal year 2021 with money earmarked by the Great American Outdoors Act. Not only does the missed proposal threaten the success of a huge variety of conservation projects, but advocacy groups warn it could be an attempt by the Trump administration to undermine the act's goals.

Early spurt of energy actions possible if White House flips **Maya Weber, S&P Global Platts**

In a scenario where Democratic contender Joe Biden takes the White House after the final counts are tallied, energy lawyers Nov. 5 depicted a flurry of activity possible in his first 100 days in office with consequences for energy-sector interests.

Development bank group lent \$197 billion in green finance in 2019: report **Simon Jessop and Kate Abnett, Reuters**

The International Development Finance Club, a group of 26 national and regional development banks, said its members supplied \$197 billion in green finance in 2019, representing a quarter of their total lending.

Oil Drops Below \$38 on Surging Virus, Close U.S. Election Race **Ann Koh and Alex Longley, Bloomberg**

Oil fell a second day, dropping below \$38 a barrel in New York, as a surging coronavirus and uncertain U.S. elections weighed on sentiment.

Oil and Natural Gas

Cleaning Up LNG Becomes a Target of EU in Blow to U.S. Shippers

Ewa Krukowska, Bloomberg

The European Union is looking at ways to put pressure on global exporters of liquefied natural gas to reduce their greenhouse gas footprint, part of the continent's effort to slash fossil-fuel pollution.

Mountain Valley Pipeline to cost more, take longer to build **The Associated Press**

The lead partner in the Mountain Valley Pipeline venture has pushed back its expected completion date and says costs for the project are expected to rise.

Shell announces plans to shut down Convent refinery this month

WBRZ

Shell announced it plans to shutter its Convent refinery in the coming weeks after it failed to find a buyer for the facility. According to a statement from the company Thursday, the location will begin the process of shutting down in mid-November. Shell had been looking for a buyer to take to the site since July but has been unsuccessful.

Dominion comes full circle as it works to offload remaining US gas pipeline assets

Harry Weber, S&P Global Platts

Dominion Energy is on the verge of returning to its utility roots as it nears offloading the remainder of its US natural gas pipeline assets to Berkshire Hathaway, CEO Thomas Farrell said Nov. 5.

Utilities and Infrastructure

Green-Power Giant Capitalizes on Energy Transition With \$88 Billion Investment

Sarah McFarlane, The Wall Street Journal

Spain's Iberdrola said it would spend €75 billion, equivalent to \$88 billion, over the next five years to double its renewable power capacity and capitalize on the shift to green energy, highlighting how some of

Europe's lesser-known utility companies have become major players in the global energy industry.

Renewables

Clean-Energy Investors Thrown For a Loop in Post-Vote Turnaround

Michael Bellusci, Bloomberg

Investors riding the prospects of Joe Biden's \$2 trillion clean energy plan have been thrown for a loop as a drawn-out vote count illustrates how much influence the outcome of the U.S. election will have on the world's shift away from reliance on fossil fuels.

5 ballot initiatives poised to propel states, cities to 100% clean energy

Catherine Morehouse, Utility Dive

At the local level, as in previous elections, energy is less prone to partisan politics in 2020.

Famed luxury carmaker Bentley to go fully electric by 2030

Michael Wayland, CNBC

Bentley Motors plans to exclusively offer plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles by 2026 and fully electric models by 2030, the British luxury carmaker said Thursday.

Green Hydrogen: Could It Be Key to a Carbon-Free Economy?

Jim Robbins, Yale Environment 360

Green hydrogen, which uses renewable energy to produce hydrogen from water, is taking off around the globe. Its boosters say the fuel could play an important role in decarbonizing hard-to-electrify sectors of the economy, such as long-haul trucking, aviation, and heavy manufacturing.

Renewables Group Lambasts Labor Department's 'Anti-ESG' Rule

Sonal Patel, Power

A pan-renewables organization has chastised the Department of Labor (DOL) for fast-tracking a new rule it has said is a "transparent attempt to

slow the growth" of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing.

Coal/Nuclear

Top \$5 trillion investor group pushes firms to cut out thermal coal

Simon Jessop, Reuters

Some of the world's largest insurers and pension schemes are warning companies they invest in not to finance, insure, build, develop or plan new thermal coal plants or face sanctions, including possible divestment.

Ex-Massey Energy CEO Draws Thousands of Votes For President In Closely Contested States

Brittany Patterson, Resource

Former coal executive Don Blankenship, who went to prison for his role in the Upper Big Branch Mine disaster in West Virginia, drew about 55,000 votes Tuesday as a third-party candidate for president, including thousands of votes in closely contested states.

Wagner named new INL chief

Nathan Brown, Post Register

John Wagner will be the next director of Idaho National Laboratory. Wagner, who has worked for the lab since 2016 and has been associate laboratory director for Nuclear Science and Technology since 2017, will start in his new job Dec. 11, Battelle Energy Alliance announced Thursday. Battelle is the contractor that runs day-to-day operations at the lab.

Climate

Putin orders Russian government to try to meet Paris climate goals

Andrew Osborn, Reuters

President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree ordering the Russian government to try to meet the 2015 Paris Agreement to fight climate change, but stressed that any action must be balanced with the need to ensure strong economic development.

A Bi-Partisan Climate Policy? It Could Happen Under a Biden Administration, Washington Veterans Say
Marianna Lavelle, InsideClimate News

Biden's 40 years of experience reaching across the Senate aisle may help him to craft a stable climate plan, though not the one that progressives hoped for.

Cutting Greenhouse Gases From Food Production Is Urgent, Scientists Say
Henry Fountain, The New York Times

Efforts to limit global warming often focus on emissions from fossil fuels, but food is crucial, too, according to new research.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Walking away from the climate crisis: Not OK, boomer
Dan Rodricks, The Baltimore Sun

Among the many things I have tried but failed to understand about fellow baby boomers who voted for Donald Trump: why they support a president who walked away from leadership on climate change.

Research Reports

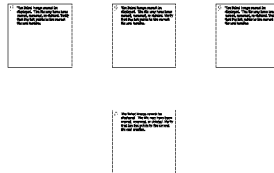
Global food system emissions could preclude achieving the 1.5° and 2°C climate change targets
Michael A. Clark et al., Science

To have any hope of meeting the central goal of the Paris Agreement, which is to limit global warming to 2°C or less, our carbon emissions must be reduced considerably, including those coming from agriculture.

China's net-zero ambitions: the next Five-Year Plan will be critical for an accelerated energy transition
Laszlo Varro and An Fengquan, International Energy Agency

In recent decades, China has moved to the centre of the global economy. Thanks to its economic reforms, the country pulled hundreds of millions of people out of poverty and witnessed an unprecedented level of urbanization and economic activity. From European luxury companies selling to affluent Chinese consumers to Latin American copper mines

supplying material for its infrastructure, China's modern economic expansion has been a major driver of global growth.



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